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SUMMARY: THE JOINT EDITORIAL JUNE 24 CELEBRATION THE START OF THE KOREAN WAR IS ESSENTIALLY A REWRITE OF LAST YEAR'S EDITORIAL BUT PROVIDES SOME INTERESTING CHANGES. THE DRPK IS PRAISED AS THE "FIRST " TO DEFEAT US IMPERIALISM, LANGUAGE IS ADDED TO WARN AGAINST TWO-CHINA SCHEMES, AND NO MENTION IS MADE TO CONTINUING US MILITARY AID TO SOUTH KOREA. THE MAIN STRESS OF THE EDITORIAL REMAINS THE PEACEFUL RE-UNIFICATION OF KOREA AND CHINA'S SUPPORT FOR THIS GOAL.
END SUMMARY

1. THE JOINT PEOPLE'S DAILY -LIBERATION ARMY DAILY EDITORIAL MARKING THE 25 TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE START OF THE
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KOREAN WAR IS A REWRITE OF LAST YEAR'S EDITORIAL WHICH WAS

CARRIED ONLY BY THE PEOPLE'S DAILY. THE THEMES REMAIN THE SAME: THE DEFEAT OF US IMPERIALISM, SUPPORT FOR PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION OF KOREA, THE PAK CLIQUE'S TWO KOREANSN POLICY, SUCCESSFUL RECONSTRUCTION IN THE NORTH, PRC DETERMIATION TO LIBERATE TAIWAN, AND THE CLOSE PRC-DPRK FRIENDSHIP. IN COMPARISON WITH LAST YEAR'S EDITORIAL, THERE ARE A NUMBER OF INTERESTING ADDITIONS AND/OR DELEATIONS BESIDES THE ABSENCE OF ANY MENTION OF CHAIRMAN MAO (REFTEL).

2. IN SPEAKING OF THE DEFEAT OF US IMPERIALISM, THIS YEAR'S EDITORIAL ASSERTS THAT THE KOREANS WERE THE "FIRST TO HAVE DIRECTLY DEFEATED A US IMPERIALIST ARMED AGGRESSION". IN ADDITION TO THIS SEEMING PUT DOWN FOR HANOI, THE EDITORIAL TERMS KOREA'S REUNIFICATION A "LOFTY ASPIRATION" AND AGAIN REITERATES CHINA'S SUPPORT FOR ACHIEVING THIS GOAL BY FOLLOWING THE "CORRECT WAY" AS SET FORTH IN KIM IL-SUNG'S "THREE -PRINCIPLES, FIVE-POINT PROGRAM" FOR PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION.

3. THIS YEAR'S EXPANDED TREATMENT OF TAIWAN INCLUDES THE STANDARD DETERMINATION TO LIBERATE TAIWAN AND THEN GOES ON TO DISMISS ALL SCHEMES OF "TWO CHINAS, ONE CHINA, ONE TAIWAN, OR ONE CHINA WITH TWO GOVERNMENTS" (WHICH WAS NOT INCLUDED IN 1974) AS DOOMED TO FAILURE. THE IMPLICATION MAY BE THAT PEKING CONSIDERS ANY TWO-KOREA SCHEMES SIMILARLY DOOMED AND THEREBY, STRENGTHENS THE PRC'S LOW-KEY COMMITMENT AGAINST A "TWO-KOREAN" POLICY MADE DURING KIM 'S PEKING VISIT (HK 4224).

4. AS IN THE 1974 EDITORIAL AND THE RECENT DRPK-PRC COMMUNIQUE (HK 4590), THIS YEAR'S EDITORIAL CALLS FOR COMPLETE WITHDRAWAL OF US TROOPS AND DISSOLUTION OF THE UN FORCES COMMAND IN KOREA, AGAINST WITHOUT PROVIDING ANY TIMETABLE FOR THESE ACTIONS. THERE IS NO REPEAT OF THE 1974 CALL FOR AN IMMEDIATE END TO US MILITARY AID TO SEOUL. GIVEN THE RECENT STATEMENT BY SECRETARY SCHLESINGER ON THE POSSIBLE USE OF NUCLEAR ARMS IN KOREA, THIS OMMISSION IS STRIKING.

5. IN A COMPANION NCNA CORRESPONDENT'S ARTICLE JUNE 25, THE CONFIDENTIAL

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"PAK CLIQUE" WAS DEPICTED AS STIRRING UP TENSIONS BY ITS FREQUENT TALK OF THE "THREAT OF WAR" AND THE NEED FOR A TOTAL SECURITY POSTURE". THE ARTICLE CONTRASTS SHARPLY THE PPRESSION OF THE SOUTH KOREAN PEOPLE AND ROK WAR PREPAREDNESS WITH KIM IL-SUNG'S TRAVELS TO EASTERN EUROPEAN AND AFRICAN COUNTRIES ON FRIENDSHIP VISITS AND PEACEFUL SCENES OF NORTH KOREAN SOLDIERS HELPING THE FARMERS TRANSPLANT RICE. ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE , THE CONSEQUENCE OF THE "PAK CLIQUE'S

FASCIST MEASURES" WILL BE FURTHER STRUGGLE
WHICH WILL HASTEN THE PAK CLIQUE'S DOOM.
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